Sir. the steps taken t_0 improve performance of losing units inter alia include technology upgradation, where considered necessary, such as in the cases of Bharat Pumps & Compres-sores, Bharat Brakes & volves, Bharat Refractories, Central Electronics Ltd. etc.

1015. *[Transferred to the 1th May,* 1986].

News item captioned Chandrachud for pane) to choose judges

1016. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUS TICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atten tion has been drawn to a news item that appeared on p. 7, cols. 3-4 of the 'Indian Express' dated the 24th April, 1986 under the caption 'Chandrachud for panel to choose judges; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ); (a) The Government have seen the news item under the caption "Chandrachud for panel to Choose Judges" which appeared in the Indian Express on 24th April, 1986. The former Chief Justice of India is reported to have suggested the setting up of a broad-based Committee for the appointment of Judges.

(b) Since the news item contains the personal views of the former Chief Justice of India, there is no occasion for the Government to react.

Delicensin? of Chemical Industry

1017. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared on p.9 cols. 4-5 of the 'Indian Express' dated the 24th April, 1986 captioned Delicensing of Chemical Industry likely; if so, the details thereof; and

Cb) the time by when a decision. in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The matter i_s under consideration of the Government.

Industries in Basti

1018. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHU SIYA: Will the Minister of INDUS TRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many industries have been set up by the Central Government in District Basti of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) whether Government are aware that lakhs of people of thi$_s$ District go to Punjab, Calcutta and Bomaby in every season in search of even temporary jobs as there are no means of employment in their own District., and

(c) whether Government will be sympathetic to the unemployed young people and manage to utilise their energy for the upliftment of the country and thus provide them some employment in the District itself?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM); (a) Details are being collected and a statement will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) It is always the endeavour of the Government to create more and more opportunities for employment.

Export of Graphite Electrode

1019. DR. SHYAM SUNDER MOHA PATRA; Will the Minister of INDU STRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an$_v$ scope for exporting graphite Electrodes to World market which at present has strength of 310000 tonnes and India's share is too low i.e., 3238 tonnes per year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are only 2 firms at present in

India for exporting graphite electrodes;

(c) if so, how much export they have made during the last three years; and

(d) whether it is advisable to ac celerate export of this item to have India's share in export potential?

THE MINISTER OF \ STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) There are three firms manufacturing graphite electrodes in the country and also are in the export market. India's exports over the last few years has been in the range of about 3000 tonnes per annum. Government is making efforts to accelerate export of graphite electrodes.

Backward talukas in Tamil Nadu

1020. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be please^ to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to include Sriperumbudur Taluka as one of the industrially backward Taluka in Tamil Nadu State, considering that there is no backward district in this State; and

(b) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The districts of Dharmapuri, Kanya-"kumari. Madurai. North Arcot, Rama-nathapuram. South Arcot Thanjavur, Thiruchirapalli and Pudukottai in Tamil Nadu have been identified as industrially backward and the entrepreneurs who set up industries in these districts are eligible for Central incentives/concessions like Central Investment Subsidy, Concessional Finance, exemption from income-tax, priority in the grant of licences etc. There is no proposal at present to include Sriperumbudur taluka as industrially backward.

An Inter-Ministerial Committee has, however, been set up to review and revise the existing scheme for industrial development of backward areas. The Committee is expected to submit its report shortly.

Escalation in costs of some project

1021. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA; SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 108 projects including those in the key sector like power, coal, steel, cement and railways have shown an alarming escalations in costs from 24,803 crores as anticipated earlier to Rs. 43,154 crores estimated now and these may go up further;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to f_c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of DHA acetate

1022. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact thai his Ministry recommended the import of DHA acetate. 16 DPA, Estrone under Open General Licence;

(b) names of the drugs companies which are licenced to produce tnese intermediates in tbe country;"

(c) wha* is the licenced and installed capacity of each and what was the production of each during the last three yc-ars, year-wise;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the capacities for the production of I these intermediates are lying idle;